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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL COLUMN ON GREEK EXILES IN SOVIET UNION

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1. FOLLOWING IS CONGEN' S INFORMAL TRANSLATION
OF EDITORIAL COLUMN, ENTITLED "THE FORGOTTEN
GREEKS", WHICH APPEARED IN FEBRUARY 7 EDITION OF
"ELLINIKOS VORRAS":

2. BEGIN TEXT. MANY GREEKS WILL BE SURPRISED
READING THE REPORT OF A DISTINGUISHED RUSSIAN POLITICAL
ESCAPEE PUBLISHED IN THE PARIS "LE MONDE" PAPER,
WHICH IS CERTAINLY NOT A "FASCIST" PAPER:

3. "MANY GREEK EXILES ARE STILL STRUGGLING TO
RETURN TO THEIR LAND FROM SIBERIA AND THE
DREARY STEPPES OF CENTRAL ASIA, WHERE THE SOVIET
GOVERNMENT HAS EXPELLED THEM".

4. SO, ARE THERE GREEK EXILES IN SIBERIA? AND
HOW HAS IT HAPPENED THAT THEY ARE THERE?

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5. THESE ARE CERTAINLY NOT ANY FOLLOWERS OF

KKE (INT.) AND THOSE WHO NEVER SAW THE FACE OF GOD-
WHO DOES, ANY HOW, IN THE EASTERN BLOC? THERE ARE VERY FEW OF THEM
AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN EXILED. THE EXILES OF SIBERIA
AND THE ASIAN DESERTS BELONG TO THE EARLIER
POPULOUS GREEK COMMUNITY OF THE AZOV, CAUCASUS AND
GEORGIA, WHO WERE EXTERMINATED WITH THEIR WIVIES
AND CHILDREN BY THE "PEOPLE'S FATHER", JOSEPH
STALIN, AT THE TIME HE LAUNCHED HIS HORRIBLE
PERSECUTIONS AND THE METHODICAL PROGRAM AGAINST THE
RUSSIAN VILLAGERS AND THE NATIONAL MINORITIES OF
THE SOUTH.

6. SINCE THAT TIME, AND WITH NO REACTION WHATSOEVER,
A WHOLE GREEK COMMUNITY HAS WITHERED. WE HAD
FORGOTTEN THESE PEOPLE, WHO WERE ALSO FORGOTTEN BY
THE ANTI-STALINIST LEADERS OF THE KREMLIN.
("FORGET ABOUT THEM: LET THEM LIVE IN THE WILDERNESS").
YET, THESE PEOPLE WERE NOT FORGOTTEN BY THE ORTHODOX
RUSSIAN PEOPLE, AS EVIDENCED IN THE REPORT OF THE
RUSSIAN ESCAPEE.

7. IT IS GOOD TO RECALL THESE THINGS TO SOME OF THE "PINK
SUPERPATRIOTS" HERE WHO, IN THE NAME OF GREECE,
FEED THE CAMPAIGN OF HATRED AGAINST THE UNITED STATES
WHERE THE SOVERIGN AND SUPER GREEK COMMUNITY OF
THREE MILLION PEOPLE FLOURISHES TO THE EXTENT THAT IT CAN
INFLUENCE SERIOUSLY, AND ON CRUCIAL ISSUES, THE
FOREIGN POLICY OF THE GREATEST POWER THE WORLD HAS
EVER KNOWN. THIS MUCH ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF HISTORY.
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